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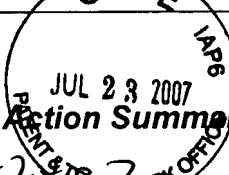
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 <p><b>Office Action Summary</b> <i>REPLY BY 8-2-07</i></p> <p><i>MAILED 5-2-07</i></p>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/804,599	EGERESI, ZOLTAN	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/9/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The amendment papers filed 2/27/07, 7/14/06, and 4/20/06 were not compliant with the current amendment practice; Therefore, those papers will not be entered and the examination is based on the original disclosure filed 3/19/04.

### ***Election/Restrictions***

2. Applicant's election of Invention I: claim 1 in the reply filed on 4/9/07 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). Accordingly, claims 2 and 3, which directed to the non-elected invention are withdrawn from further consideration.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

3. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

### ***Drawings***

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: "(13)" on line 3 of page 6 and "(5)" on line 4 of page 6. Corrected drawing

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sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

**Specification**SUSPENDED

5. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

6. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the implied phrase "The objection of this invention is create an inexpensive toilet" on line 1 should be avoided, it is recommended to change it to --A toilet--. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Objections/Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claim 1 is rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

8. The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure, which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited. A few problems are as follow: the language "low cost" in line 1 neither has prove or structure so should be avoided in the claim; "bubble dispenser/bidet adapter" in line 3 should be --bubble dispenser and bidet adapter--; "low volume" in line 4 should be --low water volume--; "water in-line" in line 4 should be --a water in-line--; "male/female" in line 5 should be --a male or a female--; "the toilet tank" in line 6 should be --a toilet tank--; it is unclear as to what "it" in line 6 is referring to; it is unclear as to what "means of threaded capping screws" in 8 is trying to claim; etc. The claims should be carefully reviewed and revised such that each of the claimed elements have a proper antecedent basis and the necessary structural relationships between the elements are properly defined.

9. As best understood, claim 1 is free of prior art of record.

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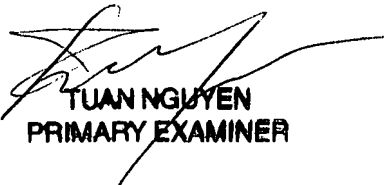
**Conclusion**

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Burns, Funk, Haddon, Kuhlman, Burmeister, and Von are the references listed by the applicant in the specification. Cannizzaro and Fukuda disclose other sanitary devices.

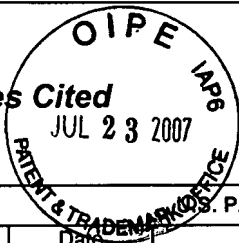
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Huson can be reached on (571) 272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

  
TUAN NGUYEN  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

# Notice of References Cited



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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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*	A	US-5,958,334 ✓	09-1999	Haddon, Bruce Alexander	422/5
*	B	US-3,762,875 ✓ 222	10-1973	Burmeister, Hans	422/5
*	C	US-6,105,179 A ✓	08-2000	Burns, Robert Raymond	4/420.4
*	D	US-6,029,286 A ✓	02-2000	Funk, Cameron	4/223
*	E	US-5,987,659 A ✓	11-1999	Cannizzaro, Carl C.	4/420.2
*	F	US-5,277,226 A ✓	01-1994	Kuhlman, Peter	137/862
*	G	US-4,242,764 ✓	01-1981	Fukuda, Mamoru	4/420.4 ✓
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## NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

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\*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).)  
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